

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Pinay's Task

THE political opponents of M. Mendes-France may feel they have done the French nation a good turn by bringing about the fall of the government, but to the Western world—and West Europe in particular—the event is demoralizing, even embarrassing.

Prime need at the moment is for France to ratify the Paris treaties, but it is difficult to avoid the belief that this legislative action could be jeopardized by the emergence at this time of a new government.

M. Pinay has agreed to try to form a new Cabinet and there is no special reason for believing he will fail. But Cabinet-making is one thing, offering a policy acceptable to the majority of the National Assembly is another. The problems which confront M. Pinay are no less than those which beset M. Mendes-France and finally brought about his downfall.

The new Premier-elect has to win the confidence of the Assembly on his proposals for dealing with the French North Africa problem, and because of his preoccupation with this subject it is conceivable that further consideration of the Paris treaties ratification will have to be postponed. And this would give the opponents of the treaties, especially the Communists, new opportunities for a high pressure publicity campaign to have the pacts repudiated.

French political stability at the moment is essential for guaranteeing the future security of West Europe. M. Pinay, therefore, is assuming heavy responsibilities. A dangerous vacuum could be created if a new French government, with a well-defined mandate, fails to come into being. M. Pinay has to win support for policies covering a wide field of national and international interests. There will be no shortage of friendly sympathy for him in his task, and he will win the admiration of the Western world if he can devise a formula which will enable him successfully to complete the undertakings which his predecessor so skillfully initiated.

Tachen Evacuation

EVACUATION of the Tachen Islands is in hand and the predominant question in the minds of everybody is whether the Chinese Communists are going to allow it to proceed without challenging the guardianship of the American Seventh Fleet.

The possibility of Communist action which could precipitate a general war cannot be ruled out. Nevertheless, the realities of the situation should be sufficient to persuade the Peking government to hold its hand. The two all-important points are these: the Nationalist evacuation gives the Tachens to the Communists on a silver platter, wherefore they gain nothing by interfering with the operation. And any serious challenging of the Seventh Fleet, resulting in a shooting match, would almost inevitably lead to a wider conflagration.

If the Peking government allows itself to be ruled by sanity, it will not only avoid any attempt to prevent the evacuation of the Tachens, but will accept it with satisfaction.

FORMOSA TRUCE: SWEDISH ACTION

Princess Starts Tour



Princess Margaret stands smiling in the doorway of the plane which carried her to Port of Spain on the first part of her Caribbean islands tour, as she bade farewell to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family at London Airport.—Reuterphoto.

Father Is
Accused Of
Abduction

Tacoma, Washington, Feb. 6.

A father and the son he was charged with kidnapping in a seaplane flight from Canada to the United States turned up here today and agreed everything was all right—as far as they were concerned.

Everything was not all right, however, as far as the boy's mother was concerned. She filed an abduction charge against the father and it appeared that an international legal squabble was brewing.

Gordon Byrne said that, under the terms of a Washington State Court ruling made in 1947, he had custody of Kenneth, 13, and Eileen, 15. His former wife, now Mrs. Winnifred Clark, said a Canadian Court had given her custody of the children.

"Now that the boy's here, he's mine," declared the father today.

SEARCH FOR COUPLE

An international search was launched yesterday for the son and Byrne, who has been divorced from Mrs. Clark for 11 years. Byrne went to his children's school near Lillicoet, British Columbia, on Wednesday and took Kenneth away with him. He said his daughter might come here too.

Byrne went to the Canadian city on a float-equipped chartered seaplane and landed on Selon Lake. He said he talked to the children and let them make up their own minds whether they wanted to live with him and his present wife in Tacoma.

Eileen first said she would leave with him on Wednesday, he said, and then said she wanted to think it over longer. "I'll meet her at the border if she wants to come," said her father.

Kenneth verified his father's story that he had left Lillicoet voluntarily to be with his father, whom he had not seen in nine years.—United Press.

Treaty With Chiang

Dulles
To
Explain

Washington, Feb. 6. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is scheduled to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow to answer questions on the implications of the new Mutual Security Treaty with the Chinese Nationalist Government on Formosa.

Several members of the committee are critical of its implied commitments beyond the immediate defence of Formosa and are anxious to get Mr. Dulles' explanations in view of the dangerous China-Formosa situation.

The proposed treaty would be debated in a private afternoon session in the wake of a new air clash over the Yellow Sea between United States and Communist planes and the dispatch of the Seventh Fleet to protect the evacuation of Chinese Nationalist troops from the Tachen Islands, 200 miles north of Formosa.

DEBATING POINTS

Under the treaty, the United States undertakes to defend Formosa and the Pescadores Islands and "such other territories as may be determined by mutual agreement."

This is expected to revive arguments over whether the United States should extend protection to the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, close to the mainland.

Another argument presented by critics is that its ratification by the Senate would be equivalent to recognizing Formosa as Chinese territory and would work to the advantage of the Communists.

Senator John Sparkman, Democrat, chairman of a Far Eastern sub-committee, has said he may ask Mr. Dulles' opinions on the effect on the island of Formosa's status.—Reuter.

\$15,000 Worth Of
Jewellery Found

Liverpool, Feb. 6.

Police throughout the country were tonight trying to trace the owner of £15,000 worth of jewellery recovered in a swoop on a stationary car near the famous Aintree race track here today.

Police believe the jewellery may be the proceeds of a robbery at a country house near London recently.—China Mail Special.

Proposal To Peking
Reported
INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

Peking, Feb. 6.

Western diplomatic circles indicated tonight that the Swedish Embassy here has transmitted to Premier Chau En-lai a proposal for an international conference to solve the grave Formosa crisis.

These indications came as Foreign Ministry officials conferred on the Formosa issue under a complete news blackout. Official spokesmen refused to make any comment on the Foreign Ministry's deliberations.

Since the Chinese refusal last week to send a representative to the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Formosa question the Peking Government has affirmed repeatedly that its attitude remains unchanged.

This attitude can be summed up as follows: Communist China will refuse to take part in any conference to obtain a ceasefire unless such a conference is prepared to condemn the "aggressive" attitude of the United States in supporting the Chinese Nationalists.

The official Chinese Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, confirmed anew today that Peking would not participate in any conference in which the Chiang Kai-shek government is represented and would reject any solution which

obliged Communist China to abandon its plan to "liberate" Formosa.

Official Chinese quarters declare repeatedly that a final attack on Formosa is perhaps not imminent, but that it is inevitable.—France-Press.

Private Diplomacy Favoured

Washington, Feb. 6. Washington is now looking to private diplomacy rather than to public debate in the United Nations or elsewhere for the next step in efforts to end the present hostilities in the area of Formosa.

Despite the intensified diplomatic activity between both Communist and non-Communist diplomats in Moscow, London and Washington observers said that there might now be a substantial pause before any new proposal for a ceasefire agreement was publicly put forward from any quarter.

The United Nations Security Council has, however, still formally before it the New Zealand proposal for a ceasefire even though Communist China has refused to discuss it. The representatives of the United States, New Zealand and Britain, who were instrumental in launching that proposal, are expected to consult early this week on what action to take.

They have yet to decide whether to press their ceasefire proposal to a vote, despite the certainty of a Soviet veto.

The nature of the Communist Chinese rejection of the United Nations advances has made it very difficult for the Eisenhower

administration to support any second approach to Communist China without being accused in Congress or elsewhere of a servile and appeasing attitude.

But there were reports today that the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, was still expecting a personal reply from the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, to a personal message which Mr. Hammarskjöld sent him when the United Nations extended its original invitation to Peking to send a representative to the Security Council meeting.

Such a reply could conceivably start the ball rolling again, but Washington today did not seem to be hopeful of any substantial change in the Premier's intransigent attitude capable of making an early ceasefire through the United Nations a practical possibility.

Some believe that the best hope is for a de facto ceasefire brought about by the course of events in the area without any formal agreement.

The Eisenhower Administration yesterday handled its announcement of the United States protected evacuation of the Tachen Islands with infinite

care in order not to do anything which might endanger hope for a de facto ceasefire or the efforts inside or outside the United Nations to bring about a ceasefire.

The official State Department announcement, cleared in advance by President Eisenhower, did not give the Nationalist Chinese Government the public commitment which they had been seeking of United States aid in the defence of the Chinese Nationalist off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu under all circumstances.

The announcement repeated only the deliberately vague language of the recent congressional Formosa resolution on this subject and left the United States freedom of both military and diplomatic manoeuvre according to the needs of the United States twin basic objectives of keeping Formosa and the Pescadores themselves in friendly hands and of seeking peace and security in the Western Pacific.

The State Department announcement also gave as the objective of the evacuation of the Tachen Islands a contribution to "the restoration of peace and security in the West Pacific."—Reuter.

UN Considers Next Step

New York, Feb. 6. Consultations will continue at United Nations headquarters tomorrow on the next step the Security Council may be asked to take in the Formosa situation.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, who spent the weekend in Washington, is expected to inform other members of the Council on the talks he had on Saturday with President Eisenhower.

The question to be decided is whether the Council should be

asked to go ahead with the New Zealand proposal to call for a ceasefire despite the Chinese Communist rejection of the invitation to take part in talks in the subject.

Washington dispatches have said that the disposition there is to proceed with the ceasefire call.

The alternative is to call a meeting of the Council briefly take note of the Chinese Communist rejection and then adjourn to wait for peace deve-

lopments possibly outside the United Nations.

It is almost certain that in the absence of the Chinese Communist, the Soviet Union would veto a ceasefire call made by the Council.

A decision one way or another on the Council's next step is expected to be announced in the next few days by Dr. Victor A. Belandiere of Peru, who is President of the Council for February.

It would seem that the earliest the Council can meet is next Wednesday.—Reuter.

Eden's Busy Week-End

London, Feb. 6.

The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, is to report on week-end developments in the Formosa Straits situation at the final meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers here tomorrow evening.

Sir Anthony, who spent the first part of the week-end at a country residence with the Indian Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, rejoined with Mr. Nehru at the Commonwealth statesmen at Sir Winston Churchill's official country residence, Chequers, earlier today and was back in London this evening.

It was understood here that Sir Anthony Eden and Mr. Nehru discussed the Indian Premier's plan for tackling the Formosa issue. This plan was believed to provide for an international

conference to arrange a ceasefire and a settlement for Formosa.

Diplomatic observers here pointed out that if such a plan were adopted by the Common-

wealth countries no official announcement could be made about it before a careful sounding of international opinion.—France-Press.

Bob Crosby Seriously Ill

Hollywood, Feb. 6.

Band leader Bob Crosby, brother of the singer Bing Crosby, was in hospital today with a serious case of lobar pneumonia.

Crosby was stricken late Friday night and was rushed to the hospital on Saturday morning with a temperature of 104. His physician reported the band leader was much

improved today although still seriously ill.

Bing Crosby is recovering from a kidney operation. The doctor estimated that Bob would not be able to leave his bed for a week or 10 days. His daughter, Cathy, 15, postponed a scheduled trip to Louisiana, where she is to attend finishing school.—United Press.



M. PINAY

Pinay To
Form New
French
Govt

Paris, Feb. 6. President of the French Republic, M. Rene Coty, tonight asked M. Antoine Pinay, the 68-year-old Conservative ex-Premier, to form France's 21st post-war government.

M. Pinay told reporters after his interview with the President that he accepted the invitation to try and form the next government.

M. Pinay said he would immediately consult party leaders with a view to forming his cabinet and he would report back to the President in due course. He did not say how soon he would report back but it did not seem likely that M. Pinay could conclude his consultations before Tuesday.

M. Pinay said that France needed a government of all parties, prepared to unite in order to organize national defence, reinforce her alliances, introduce reforms in North Africa and expand the national economy.

M. Pinay will start his consultations for the formation of his Ministry tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

BY THURSDAY

Paris, Feb. 6. The French Premier-designate, M. Antoine Pinay, announced in a statement here on Sunday night that his Cabinet would be presented to the Assembly by Thursday at the latest.

He said that the departure of the Governor-General-designate of Algeria, M. Jacques Soustelle, would be postponed.—France-Press.

Soldiers Killed In
Car Crash

Muenster, Feb. 6.

Two British soldiers were killed today when the private car they were driving crashed into a tree on the road between Muenster and Nienberge, German police reported.

The police said the car belonged to a German farmer who had reported it missing.—China Mail Special.

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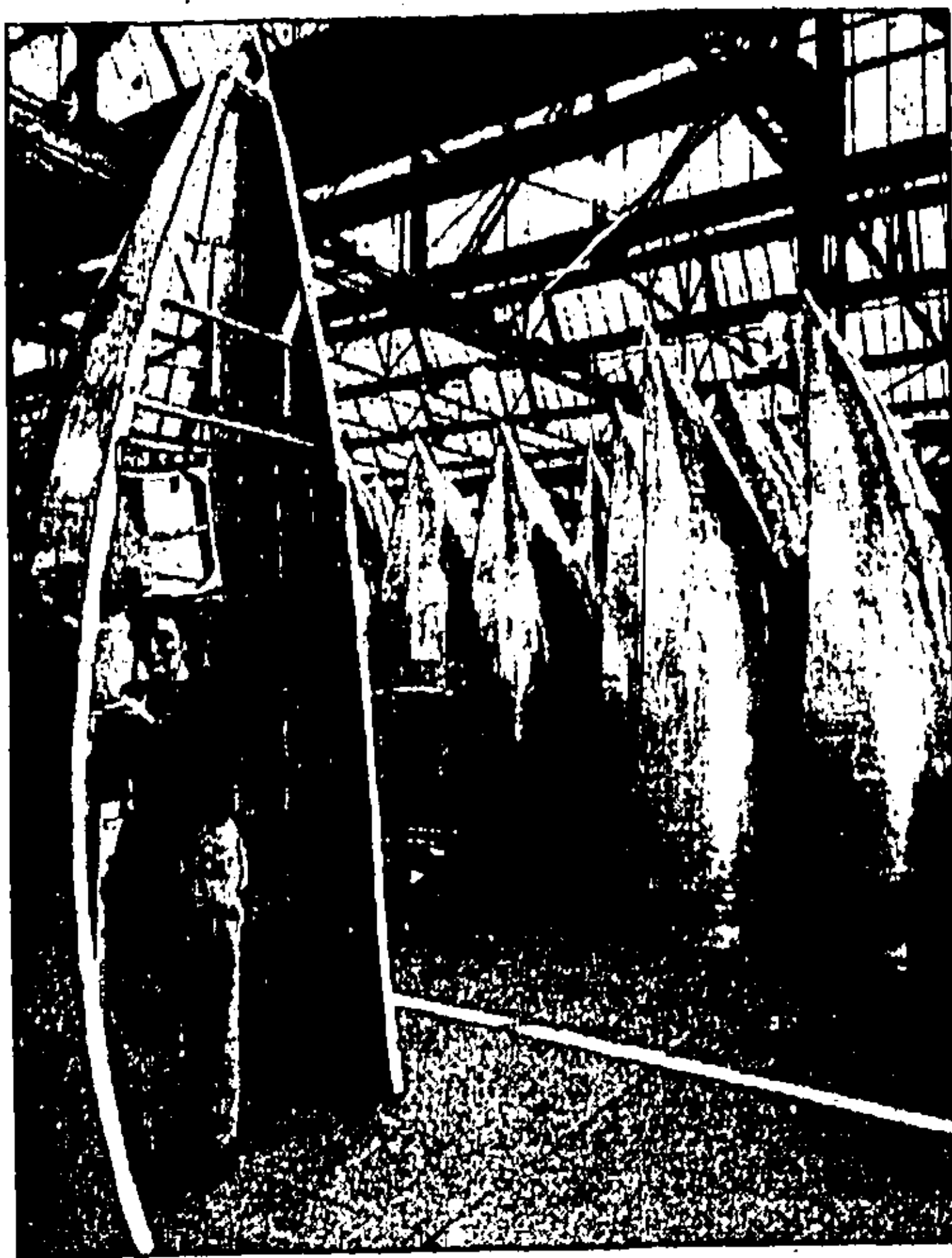
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MORE FLOODS SWEEPING THROUGH FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 6.

Driving rain sweeping over Western and Southwestern France lashed rivers of the Atlantic watershed over their banks in flood today.

A torrent of water poured down on Bordeaux from a cloud-massed sky and winds reached the 50-mph mark. The tanker Port Etienne, coming from Le Havre, limped into port with several mechanical breakdowns.

The great River Garonne, which winds all the way from the Massif Central to the sea, was again in flood and the water level was rising two-thirds of an inch an hour. The flood crest was expected tomorrow.

HIGHWAY FLOODED
At Langon, on the Garonne's banks, the Quais were flooded and stretches of highway under water. The Creuse River, northeast in Central France, rose six feet in 24 hours and threatened several districts in the city of Angoulême. Ten houses on its banks already have been evacuated.

The Vienne River, also flowing west from the Massif Central, was six inches above the danger mark. The river-side streets of Castelnau were under water.

Householders living along the Sevre Nantaise River prepared to leave their homes, and at Poitiers the Clon River, normally a placid stream, pushed itself up at the rate of six inches an hour. City dwellers cleared out of the ground floors of their houses and flood waters cut the principal road between Paris and Bordeaux.

Everywhere the rivers were still rising, although local authorities hoped most crests would be reached by tomorrow. —United Press.

T.S. Eliot Better

London, Feb. 7.

Mr T. S. Eliot, the 60-year-old poet and playwright, who entered a London clinic about a fortnight ago for a rest, is going home today, the clinic said last night.

Nine months ago Mr Eliot was in the clinic for a "complete rest" after a visit to South Africa. —China Mail Special.

Munich Honours Americans

Munich, Feb. 6.

Munich streets have been named after the following Americans: John D. Rockefeller, who gave funds to build the psychiatric research centre here; Samuel Finley Morse, the inventor of telegraphy; Ralph Waldo Emerson, a poet who translated Goethe and Kant; William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania; and Peter Minuit, first man to buy land from the American Indians. Left Erickson, a Norwegian who landed in America 500 years before, is also remembered in this way. —Reuters.

FOR PACT

Unanimous Vote In Lower House PREMIER'S VICTORY

Baghdad, Feb. 6.

Premier Nuri al Said of Iraq won unanimous approval from the Lower House here today during a six-hour debate on the Turco-Iraqi Mutual Defence Pact.

His long speech was punctuated with rounds of applause from all the benches and afterwards he shook hands with many deputies, including the six Opposition members.

The House, which also heard speeches from Vice-Premier Ahmed Muktar Babur and former Premier Fadel Jamali, was unanimous in condemning Egypt's policy and supporting the Turco-Iraqi entente.

GALLERIES PACKED
Diplomatic representatives of Syrian, Jordan and the Lebanon were among the diplomats present. The public galleries were packed. Political observers here said tonight the Government did not extend outside the walls of the Assembly. The extra-Parliamentary opposition to the Turco-Iraqi Pact is still strong, but laws on the press and on public gatherings have disarmed this opposition.

Observers here did not expect any public demonstration against the Government's policy.

In Cairo the last scheduled meeting of the current Inter-Arab Conference ended this evening after a day of great diplomatic activity and persistent reports of internal crises coming from Jordan and Syria.

The only statement after the conference came from an Egyptian delegate who said his country would not quit the Arab League — a move that had been threatened if Iraq went through with her plan for a defensive alliance with Turkey.

Nor would she leave the Arab collective Security Pact, he said.

CUT OFF PACT
Egypt had objected to the proposed Iraq-Turkey treaty on the grounds that it cut across the Arab Pact.

Right up to tonight's meeting the Lebanese Premier, Sami el Solh, had tried to persuade Lieutenant-General Gamal Abdel Nasser, Prime Minister of Egypt, to meet General Nuri al Said, Premier of Iraq, to solve their differences. — France-Press & Reuter.

British Air Marshal May Stay In Denmark

Copenhagen, Feb. 6.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders, who is advising the Danish Government in the re-organisation of the Danish Air Force, will probably be invited to extend his stay in Denmark after his contract expires in March.

Working quietly behind the scenes in the Defence Ministry, the Air Marshal has, in a few months, transformed the spirit of the air force, which was suffering from poor morale, open disagreements between leading officers and an alarming number of accidents.

Since Sir Hugh took over, the accident rate has dropped sharply in spite of increased flying hours. This is attributed to better control at the airfields and more thorough training of pilots.

The final plans for the re-organisation of the Danish Air Force are now being drafted and it is expected that the Air Marshal will be invited to see the work through and to take part in any adjustments later found necessary. —Reuter.

Stole Flowers From Grave

Maitland, N.S.W., Feb. 6.

Answering to a charge of having stolen flowers from a cemetery grave John Frederick Fowen, 42-year-old labourer told the Maitland Court he had gone out to get some flowers for his wife, but had got drunk and was scared that his wife would give him "a roasting" if he returned home without them.

Imposing a fine of £255 (£28 sterling) Stipendiary Magistrate F. R. Wood described the theft as the lowest and most contemptible he could think of. — China Mail Special.

WORLD CALENDAR PROPOSAL

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.

A world calendar designed to meet the complex timetable of the modern world was introduced at the Fels Planetarium here.

The new calendar would solve the difficulties of the businessman, statesman and of course the absent-minded husband by bringing order to the calendar year. Dr I. M. Levitt, Director of the Planetarium at the Franklin Institute, said.

Dr Levitt said that the world calendar would not violate the "calendar sense" since it would always remain the same. Advantages of the new calendar were:

The half-years are of equal length, each 182 days; the quarters are of equal length, each 91 days. Each quarter has a 31-day month to start, two 30-day months to follow, and has 13 weeks which will bring equal working periods during the four quarters.

A BOON

Each month has 26 working days, a boon to the working man and business. Contrary to the present calendar, which was 365-1/3 days in the year and is 11 minutes longer than the actual year, the new calendar has 364 days.

An extra day would be added at the end of each December to make the calendar conform to the actual year. During Leap Year an additional day would be added to the month of June. —Reuter.

Tokyo, Feb. 7.

More than one million Japanese families are unable to support themselves by any form of work, the Welfare Ministry reports.

The Ministry says that of these, 820,000 are families of widows with children and 130,000 households where there are only children. The Ministry reports that 3,150,000 families in Japan or nearly 20 per cent of the population "face livelihood difficulties." —Reuter.

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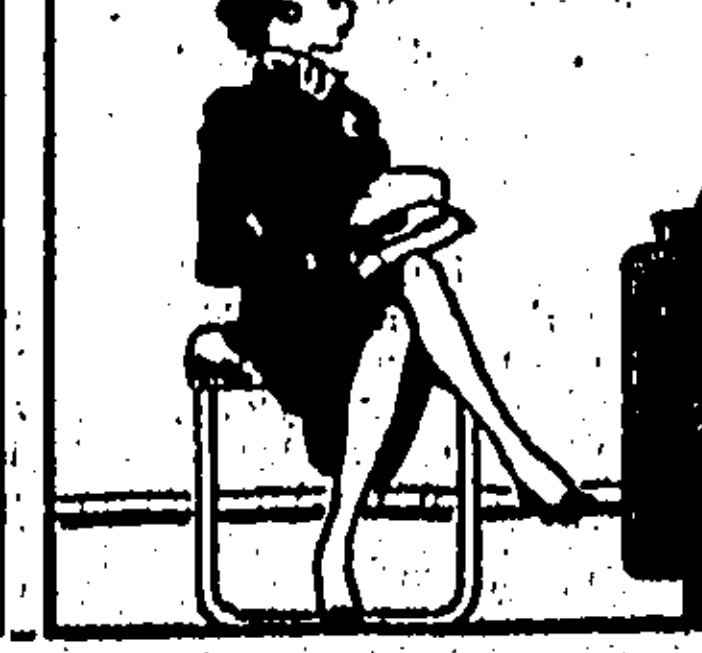
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NICARAGUA WARNS COSTA RICA

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 6. The Nicaraguan President, Senor Anastasio Somoza, today warned Costa Rica that air incursions over Nicaragua could lead to war between the two republics.

The President said that Costa Rican aircraft had "strafed and bombed" Nicaraguan territory during the recent operations against Costa Rican rebels in the Los Chiles region.

He added that his Government would protest to Costa Rica and to the Organisation of American States against what he termed "a new violation of Nicaraguan air space."

The Costa Rican Government of President Jose Figueres was responsible for the critical situation arising from these "repeated attacks on Nicaragua's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Somoza said. "If a single drop of Nicaraguan blood were shed, it might cause a war between our two countries," he concluded.—France-Press.

Syrian Cabinet Resigns

Cairo, Feb. 6. The Syrian Cabinet of Fares el Khouri has resigned after under four months in office, according to Cairo reports today. Diplomatic sources said this is likely to have a bearing on the Arab Premier's talks here trying to end the Iraqi-Egypt differences over the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence pact.—Reuter.

P. & O. Commodore

London, Feb. 6. Captain G. C. Forrest, who has commanded the 29,734-ton liner Arcadia since January 1954, has been appointed Commodore of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, it was announced today.—China Mail Special.

Outbreaks Of Violence Anticipated Following Mr France's Downfall

Algiers, Feb. 6.

The fall of Premier Pierre Mendes-France resounded throughout French North Africa today and reactions ranged from apprehension to angry regret.

In Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia alike, both French and Arabs waited fearfully for outbreaks of violence which they anticipate as a result of the Premier's overthrow. Observers here said that nationalists in all three countries had more confidence in M. Mendes-France than in any premier since the war.

The Tunisian Premier, Tahar ben Ammar, himself called on the fallen Premier today in Paris in an exceptional mark of sympathy.

Snake Hiss Not Allowed In Frog Jump Contest

Margate, Natal, Feb. 6. Margate's frog population will be puzzled by some strange new voice croaking around them during Hibernic Week in May. There will be frogs from California, England, Malaya, Siam, Australia, Java and Central Africa.

Whether to be a big frog in a small pond or a small frog in a big pond will be a question the Margate frogs can dismiss from their minds.

For all South African frogs are being challenged in their own little pond by all the world's frogs—the biggest, the bravest and the nimblest.

Realising the need for strict control in so important a competition, the Margate authorities have drawn up a set of rules one of which reads:

"It is particularly forbidden to imitate the hiss of a snake either vocally or mechanically immediately behind a frog that is preparing to jump."

The regulations make it clear, however, that the owners are permitted to induce their entrants to jump by means of tickling with a grass stalk, banging on a tin, or a gentle admonition like "Jump for Mummy, please."—China Mail Special.

No Co-existence In Zoo

Berlin, Feb. 7. "Swampy," an American alligator in the aquarium here, refused to co-exist with two Chinese crocodiles. He was given to the aquarium by the United States Sixth Infantry when he grew too big to be a mascot. When placed in the crocodiles' tank he immediately attacked his neighbours. He was put in solitary confinement, but Berlin children, with whom he is a great favourite, demanded to see him again. So the crocodiles have been exiled and Swampy now has their tank himself.—China Mail Special.

BIG GAME BEING SHOT OUT

Arusha, Tanganyika, Feb. 6. Africa's big game—lion, elephant, rhino and giraffe—is in danger of being wiped out by trophy-hungry tourists from Europe and America, according to farmers and hunters here.

"There won't be any game left in Tanganyika unless we stop these trophy-hungry tourists from Kenya," one of them said. The trouble is that American hunters are unwilling to hunt in the Mau Mau country of Kenya and are flocking to Tanganyika.

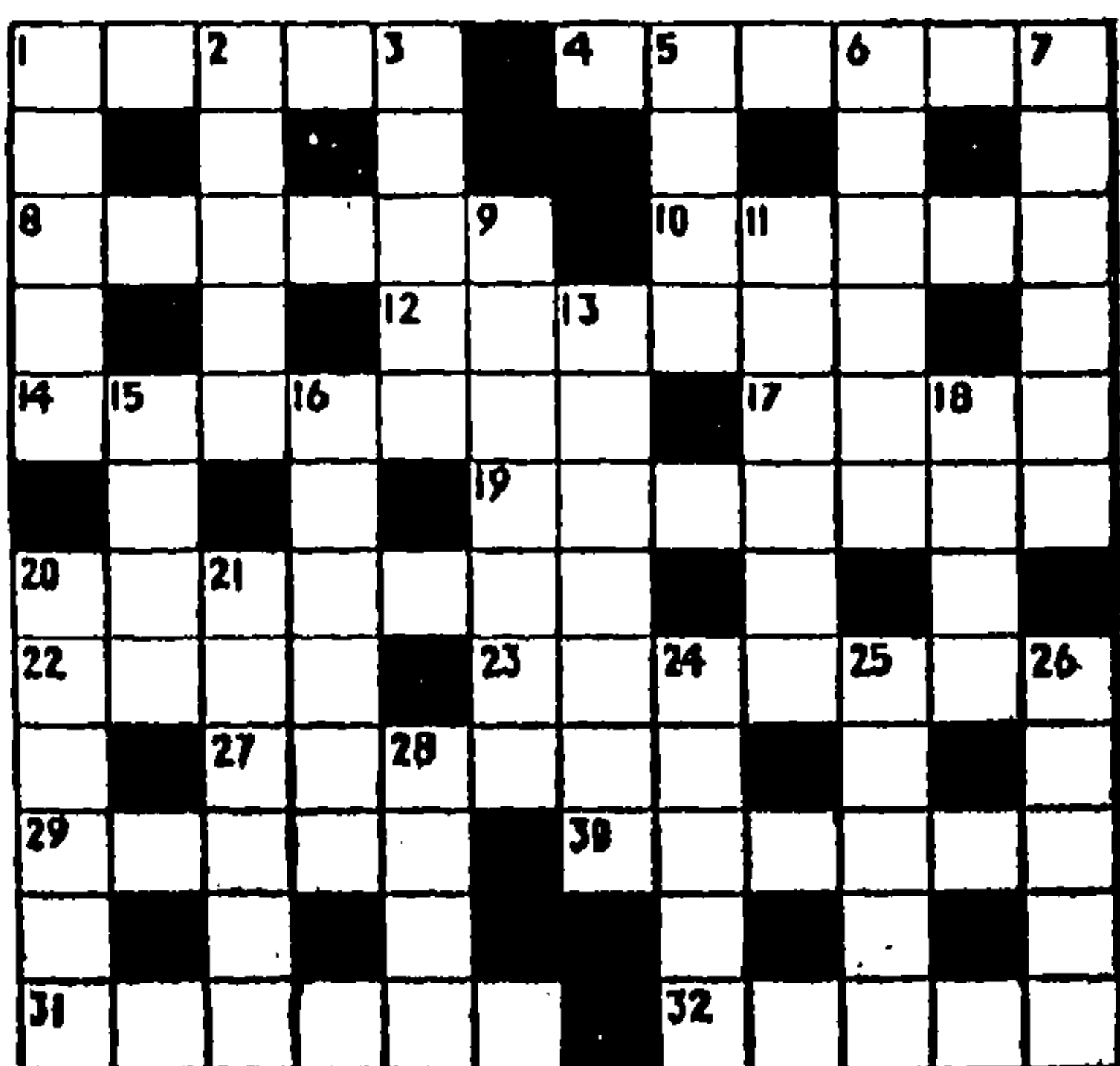
This year the number of hunting parties is expected to double that of last year. Tourism has been bringing an average of about £5,000,000 sterling a year to East Africa, and much of it is from hunters. The golden rule towards Tanganyika has had a marked effect on territory game.

FOUR KILLED IN SHIP EXPLOSION

El Ferrol, Spain, Feb. 6. The Costa Rican freighter Darnel arrived today with four crewmen dead from a boiler explosion a few days ago, when she was 300 miles from El Ferrol.

The Darnel had said by radio that five other crewmen were injured.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 7 res (5).
 - Love (6).
 - Extend (6).
 - Sacred figures (5).
 - Rogue (6).
 - Fruit course (7).
 - Pleasant (4).
 - Canine quarters (7).
 - Sailor (7).
 - Before long (4).
 - Mean (7).
 - Determine (6).
 - Letting contacts (6).
 - Printing mistakes (6).
 - Attempting (6).
 - Grim (5).
- DOWN**
- Treated medicinally (6).
 - Noblemen (5).
 - Lean (6).
 - Tale of heroism (4).
 - Chinese labourer (6).
 - Follows (6).
 - Most gloomy (7).
 - Gun (6).
 - Unfruitful (7).
 - Dash (4).
 - Glistens (6).
 - Musical symbol (4).
 - Hammer (6).
 - String of prayer beads (6).
 - Microbes (6).
 - Angry (5).
 - Long for (5).
 - Bird (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Emphatic, 8 Room, 9 Analyses, 11 Preclude, 13 Delay, 15 Comets, 16 Redcoat, 18 Atom, 21 Assorted, 25 Mutinous, 28 Fine, 27 Desisted. Down: 1 Prop, 2 Joke, 4 Menu, 6 Halo, 6 Taste, 7 Cushy, 9 Alter, 10 Admit, 12 Root, 14 Fence, 18 Tense, 17 Cider, 19 Armed, 20 Oaths, 21 Ante, 22 Spr, 23 Trip, 24 Deem.



Princess Beatrix, eldest daughter of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, performed her first solo public engagement recently when she launched the new 31,000-ton Dutch tanker Vassu. The Princess is seen reading her speech prior to the launching. As the ship moved down the slipway she waved her bouquet above her head with excitement.—Express Photo.

Dr Garbett Honoured

London, Feb. 6. Queen Elizabeth has appointed Dr Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, to be a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order to mark his 80th birthday today. Honours in the Order are granted for personal services to the Sovereign. The Archbishop received birthday messages of congratulation from the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Sir Winston Churchill.—China Mail Special.

Wellington, N.Z., Feb. 6. A 20-month-old baby girl in Christchurch has been fitted with artificial legs on which she can toddle about like almost any other normal children of her age. She was born with only partial legs and no hands. Although she still has no "hands" fitted, the little girl is very adroit with her wrists and can pick up objects, eat and do many other little things.—China Mail Special.

Russian Trap For Americans In Vienna Cafe

Vienna, Feb. 6.

The American Embassy here tonight issued a statement charging Soviet officials with setting a trap to implicate two Americans.

The official statement replied to a Russian note last night which said the two Americans, Robert Gray and Colonel Francis Manning, had tried to bribe a Soviet Consul, B. J. Nalivaiko, to defect to the Americans.

The American statement said Nalivaiko lured the Americans into a cafe last night by saying he wanted to apply for political asylum.

When they met him he threw a glass of beer into their faces as a signal for disguised Russians in the cafe and Soviet officers outside to block all doors and windows.

RED ALLEGATIONS
The acting Soviet High Commissioner in Austria, Major-General V. M. Karavitch, sent a note to the American High Commissioner, Mr. Lewellyn E. Thompson, alleging that the two Americans had tried to blackmail and bribe the Soviet Consul into deserting to the Americans. The Soviet note demanded that this "insolent and provocative" action be investigated and severely punished.

The American Embassy statement said: "The fact that the Soviet information service issued the text of an official note of protest immediately after the incident and many hours before the note was delivered to the American Embassy alone indicates a carefully planned entrapment by the Russians."

The statement said Gray, who worked as a United States Army civilian in Vienna until last June and returned last week to gather material for a book, previously had known Nalivaiko socially. When they met on Thursday at the Russian's request he asked Gray how political asylum could be arranged as he said he was in serious difficulties with the

WARM WELCOME FOR PRINCESS IN GRENADA

St Georges, Grenada, Feb. 6.

Princess Margaret arrived today at the lovely sugar and spice island of Grenada in the Windward Islands, third stop on her month's tour of the British West Indies.

Ships sirens, church bells and cheers from the crowd lining the picturesque waterfront greeted the Princess as she stepped ashore from the Royal Yacht Britannia.

The sun was shining brilliantly though only 20 minutes earlier a rain shower sent the crowds rushing to shelter.

The Princess was wearing a dress of blonde silk, embroidered with scalloped sleeves. The original neckline was high and rounded with a bib or plastron.

ROYAL BLUE

Her small white hat had a ribbon of royal blue and she wore a pearl necklace. Buildings fronting the beautiful harbour were decked with flags. The streets through which she later rode were brightened with coloured streamers and arches featuring the green foliage of the island.

The Princess was welcomed by the Governor of the Windward Islands, Sir Edward Beetham, and by the Chairman of the St George's District Board, who read an address of welcome.

A copy of the address, bound in mahogany covers, bearing the Colony's crest was presented to the Princess.

A 21-gun salute was fired from Fort Georges, dominating the harbour, as the Britannia arrived after a night cruise from Tobago, the "Robinson Crusoe" island.

Princess Margaret waved to hundreds of Grenadians, many of them in an armada of small craft in the harbour, as she approached the landing stage. There two men dressed in picturesque white, black, yellow and red uniforms with the long tasseled hats of an old West Indian Regiment, stood at attention.

SIXTH VISITOR
Princess Margaret is the sixth Royal visitor to Grenada. The first was Prince William Henry, third son of King George Third, who came to the island 108 years ago.

Cheers resounded through the island capital, with its cloud-shrouded mountains in the background, as she drove to St George's Anglican Church for a thanksgiving service.

The Lord Bishop of the Windward Islands, the Rt Rev. Norman Shipley, welcomed her to the crowded

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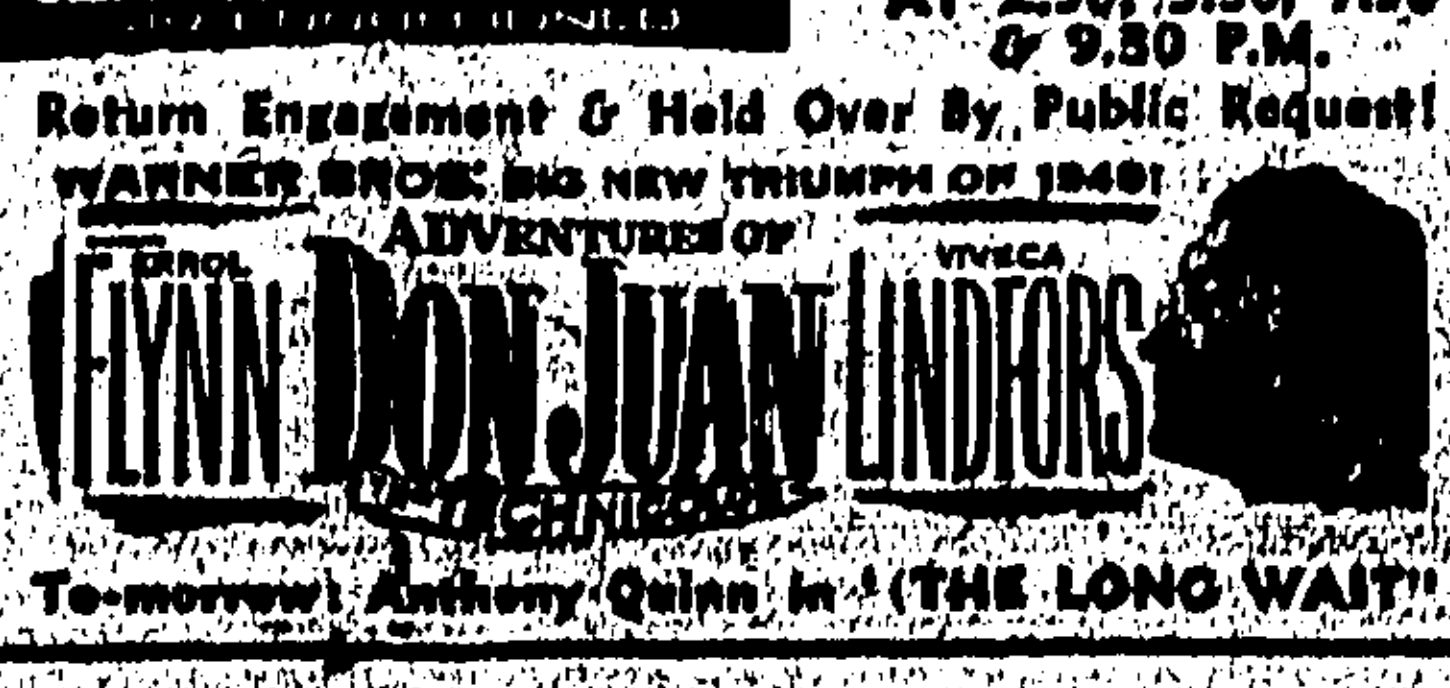
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NEXT CHANGE: "DRAGNET"



To-morrow: Anthony Quinn in "THE LONG WAIT"

Author's Concern For Asiatics

New York, Feb. 6.

The author, James Michener, today announced the establishment of a "Fund for Asia," a non-profit organisation, "as an expression of the concern of the American People for their Asian friends."

Mr Michener, whose stories of the South Pacific were made into the smash musical of that name, said in a statement that the group would "carry on programmes for better understanding by the American people of the problems of our Asian friends and to encourage private efforts to assist in meeting the needs of our friends in Asia."

"Half of the people of the world live in Asia," said Mr Michener. "They will become

an increasingly important factor in the determination of humanity's future. The American people can no longer afford to regard Asia as a far-off continent whose fate need not concern us."

Mr Michener, who is president of the new organisation, said it would not maintain any personnel in Asia, "but will seek to encourage and support other American groups now operating there."—United Press.

ANNE SHARPLEY draws up a profit and loss forecast on the eve of a boom season for London coming-out parties

BUMPER YEAR FOR DEBS

"A BUMPER year for debs," a voice solemnly forecasts from the Lord Chamberlain's office, where the applications for this year's presentation parties are being "vetted."

A "bumper" crop. More they believe than "Coronation Year," when at least 700 girls made their debut. The reason? Because the Queen, after missing last year's presentations, will once more be taking the debs' curtsies this March.

Debs who were still wearing gym-slips before Christmas—chubby-faced, flop-haired, and shrick-will-between-March-and-May (the season starts in deadly earnest in May) turn imperceptibly from school-girls into experienced social campaigners. Some of them may even change their hair-styles, and one at least will blossom into the "Deb of the Year."

Best Friend

But it is "Mums" who largely count in this semi-stately whirl of debutante rivalry.

Apart from the initial endowment of looks and personality, it is Mum indisputably who is a deb's best friend—plotter, planner and protector.

And to some of the Mums of 1955 I offer the views of two of the Mums of 1954 on this year's big question.

"Can she be launched for less than £1,000?" (Recollecting that 1954's most-launched deb, Australian Barbara Stanley Smith spent more than £10,000 on her coming-out ball alone.)

No. So say Sir Andrew and Lady Clark who put the figure at more than £2,000 for 1954's coming-out season of their younger daughter, Susan.

Yes. Or just a little over, says the most-triumphant Mum of 1954, Mrs Patrick Brunner, whose daughter, April, was voted Deb of the Year.

Knock-out item on the deb account is the "coming-out" ball.

The Clarks hired Hutchings House, and there were 800 to 900 people present.

Lady Clark's comment: "I thought it was a waste of time."

The Brunners were able to use the 40ft. drawing-room and large garden of their home in Kensington for their daughter's coming-out ball, at which there were 400 guests.

One "economy" that kept the Brunner budget at around £1,000 was a cut in the clothes bill by having one simple white satin ball dress over which went a series of different "addresses."

Own Clothes

Two of 1955's "Mums," however, don't agree that £1,000 need be spent.

Mrs Cecil Madden, wife of the TV chef, says "considerably less" for the launching of her daughter, Muriel ("she's very fair and very stylish," says her mother).

Sharing a dance in the country with another girl will cut down the main expense, says Mrs Madden, and adds that her daughter (who is studying stage acting) will make all her own clothes.

"Absolutely nothing at all will be spent," is the resolution of Mrs Patricia Marlowe, wife of Mr. Anthony Marlowe, MP, for the launching of her second daughter, Julia.

"When my daughter Pixie (now Mrs Lynn Balfour Paul) came out in 1950 we spent nothing, yet she seemed to go to all the parties just the same. There will simply be occasional dance tickets and taxi fares, and of course, Julia makes her own clothes."

"She refuses to go to Queen Charlotte's Ball as she doesn't want to curtsy to a cake, but she will go to everything else."

In The Swim

Just what do the parents get out of a daughter's season?

Mostly the pleasure of seeing her "in the swim" (and the cash distinction of being able to keep her aloft).

And what do the daughters get out of it?

First and foremost, friends. "Of course," adds Lady Clark, "one also meets an awful lot of people one never wants to see again."

Does a deb expect to marry? No. The days when a deb was supposed to step straight into Debutant seem to have gone.

Of the 1954 debs only two, Miss Carol Carr and Miss Tilly Laycock, have announced their engagements and neither of these matches can be attributed to the London season.



"IS THAT CHAPMAN PINCHER?"

London Express Service

THAT NIGHT AT SUTTON COLDFIELD

By J. W. TAYLOR

London. FROM the tragedy, death and destruction of the Sutton Coldfield train disaster, have emerged stories which, in the words of Mr J. A. Brown, district secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, "showed that the cream of human kindness overflowed through that night."

There were those scores of men and women with homes in the vicinity of the scene of the crash who jumped walls, scrambled through railings and wire and rolled down embankment sides to start the rescue work. One man with them sized up the position of trying to work in the gathering gloom and raced off to a nearby funeral site managed by a relative. There he "commandeered" the big generator and batteries of lights used to illuminate the fairground and had them transported to the line-side. Throughout the night the rescuers toiled in the light of the funeral lamps.

All over the disaster area, shocked and slightly injured passengers waded into the wreckage and pulled out scores of trapped passengers until the full force of other helpers, including doctors, nurses, police and firemen, who worked ceaselessly throughout the night, was felt. Then other kindly helpers persuaded the earlier ones to go to the emergency rest centres, which had been set up in the vicinity of station and line-side.

THOUSANDS OF FAGS

There was, for example, the Birmingham tool makers' director who was giving a helping hand and continually hearing the request: "Get a cigarette, friend! I ran out ages ago." He hurried away and soon returned with 6,000 "smokes," which he proceeded to distribute in packets amongst the rescuers needing them, with a few here and there for a newly-rescued trapped victim. Then he drove away in his car—without a "fag" left for himself.

Gallantry abounded, particularly that of two people who first averted further possible disaster before joining in the rescue operations. Mrs Marjorie Fairley, of Sutton Coldfield, near the crash whilst pointing her line-side house and ran towards a signal box, waving and shouting to the driver of an approaching express. It was slowing up, for the signals were set at danger by railway fireman Derek Smith, of Little Over, Derby. The passenger train, despite head injuries received when he was hurled through the carriage window, ran to a locked signal box, forced a way in and operated the signals. Both he and Mrs Fairley returned to the scene of the crash to help rescue workers.

STATION STREET

Passengers who were able to leave the scene unaided, but were numbed and shocked, will always remember the kindly people of Station Street. They took them into their houses, gave them rest, food and drink and free telephone calls to all parts of the country, to reassure anxious relatives as to their safety. The overflow was directed to scores of neighbouring houses where hospitality was equally generous. A nearby caterer kept his establishment open for 18 hours non-stop, and anyone who didn't happen to have the money didn't have to worry. Many of the meals eaten by the rescue workers came from the elaborate kitchens of one of Birmingham's leading hotels. There the head chef and his full staff worked overtime to supply meals in batches of 200.

Ph..f..f..f..t

The maddening, gay film that gave a new word to the language comes to you as serial by David Lewin

MY name is Charlie—Charlie Nelson. I'm a large, happy man—the sort you find standing in the corner of a bar buying a round of drinks. Some people say good old Charlie. Some people say I am also the man who started this Ph..f..f..f..t business.

If it hadn't been for me, Robert and Nina would never have met. I introduced them. I saw them through their marriage. And I saw their marriage go Ph..f..f..f..t. And I saw what happened after that too.

It began back in the war when I saw a lieutenant in the Navy—Public Relations Command. Nifty uniform; gold braid; an office in New York. The office address, not that it's important, was 90, Church Street, and we called those days the battle of good old Church Street. Someone in the building—on the third floor, I think—had actually seen a ship once.

Robert—Robert Tracy—was a nice quiet fellow who worked in an office next to mine. He was a lawyer by training and he did a great job for the Navy during the war. He specialised in income tax returns, and he saved the Navy 750,000 dollars.

Then, one day, the admiral sent for me and said he wanted me to look after a young writer who was coming over from the radio station to find a Navy hero and do a programme about him. "Find her a hero," ordered the admiral.

So I thought I'd do Robert a favour by handing her over to him.

She came to the office and introduced herself. Nina Chapman. She was blonde, attractive, with a jumper and a notebook and neatly sharpened pencils.

I told Robert that he was detailed to be a hero that day. He didn't seem to like the idea very much since he had never been to sea, let alone heard a gun fired in anger.

He gave me an argument at first until I finally had to pull rank. "Look here, Robert," I said, "I am forced to remind you I am in command here. So, Lieutenant Tracy—I order you to be a hero."

Nina Chapman came in and sat down with her notebook at the ready. I said to her: "I think he is just

what you want, ma'am—this man has been into the jaws of death and out again." Robert sat blinking at her with his arm in a sling and his thumb in a bandage. She looked at him and said: "May I ask you a personal question? How long has it been since you've seen a woman?"

Robert looked startled. "About 20 minutes," he said.

"Do you mind talking about your wounds—your red badge of courage," she said, looking at the sling.

Robert chuckled. "I got my finger caught in an adding machine. You see they have so few wounded here at 90, Church Street that the doctors sometimes lose their heads when they actually get a patient."

After that they got on very well together. Robert told her that he really dealt with tax returns, and he offered to look into hers if she

BEGINNING

THE DAY A HERO MET A BLONDE

Eight years later Nina was a successful television script writer with her own programme and Robert was still going through other people's tax returns. At night he would curl up with a book and she would just curl up.

Robert came to see me in those days and he said he thought his marriage was going Ph..f..f..f..t. I gave the best advice I could. I said: "It's none of my business, old boy, but as they say on Broadway, if the show's a flop, fold it."

So Nina and Robert decided on a divorce. And Nina went off to Reno. Her lawyer there were a stonks hat and a string bow tie like a bottlec. He thought it was a lovely ceremony. "I always cry at divorces," he said happily, "and this was really a beautiful divorce."

With Nina out of the way Robert moved in with me and then we went off to a smart restaurant to celebrate.

This was a reckless move. Because sitting there at another table were Nina and her mother, Robert and I, swallowed several dry Martinis to give us courage and Nina seemed to be getting her mother to order



JUDY HOLLIDAY
The Ph..f..f..f..t girl

Reds' New Strategy Threatens India

By James Wickenden

IF the Communists win the election in the south Indian state of Andhra this month, they will create the first democratically-elected Communist government in the world. For the first time Communists will come to power without stealth, rigging voting, or intimidation.

They will rule 20,000,000 people, equal to almost half the population of Britain; govern the seventh largest state in India; and strike a serious blow at Nehru's aging Congress Party. At one stroke Moscow will reach into the heart of "neutralist" Asia, for the Communist Party of India is a Soviet satellite organisation.

This shock to Asian democracy cannot fail to reverberate through the whole region more powerfully than the French collapse in Indo-China. For it will demonstrate that Communism in Asia does not exclusively rely on guerrilla war; that it has a new, deadlier weapon—open political manoeuvre.

The arena of this struggle, Andhra, is of vital significance in Asia. It is known to the peoples of China and Indo-China,

Malaya, Siam and Burma as the seat of their Buddhist faith. For it was from Andhra that the Mahayana Buddhist religion spread forth.

The existence of Andhra itself is one of India's biggest problems. A state born in defiance of Nehru's idea of a non-racial nation, Nehru grudgingly agreed to its formation on the basis of a common language—Telugu—only after the one-language movement's leader had fasted to his death and civil war became imminent in 1953.

Main Centre

And it is the strongest centre of Indian Communism. It was the Andhra Branch of the Communist Party of India which launched the Red armed revolt in 1948 that was put down only after hundreds had died. The Andhra Communists still have large caches of arms hidden in the Northwest Andhra, near the Hyderabad border.

Since then the Andhra Communists, led by extremist Rajawara Rao, have risen in the Party hierarchy to eliminate the Pullavuram Rajawara Rao has been to Moscow, where the gospel for the Communist Party of India, the CPI, was specially written in 1951.

The Tactical Line, as it is called, is based on the view that

India is a semi-colonial state whose freedom must be won by armed peasant overthrow of the government. Although modified at various times, the principle of the Tactical Line is still the doctrine of the CPI.

This is the problem and the threat which faced Nehru and the Congress Party in Andhra, where elections were scheduled. He had the choice of continuing to rule the state arbitrarily through President's rule, or of allowing democracy its chance. He chose the ballot box.

But Nehru wisely decided that the Congress Party should seek alliance with other non-Communist parties. So an electoral agreement has been formed between the Congress Party, the Socialists and the Krishak Lok (the Peasant Party).

They fight the Communists on a United Front for the 100 seats of the Andhra Assembly. Congress is putting up 130 candidates and the Communists about 175. The remaining seats will be fought for by the Socialists and Krishak Lok.

In the old Assembly the Communists held 40 seats. Most observers agree that they will win 60 seats this time. This does not, of course, give them an absolute majority. What then is the danger?

It is that the Communists will work to aggravate the women-

ing relations between the Congress and other parties of the United Front.

They will hope that, with their own solid bloc of 60 seats, they can win over the "middle group" of Socialists and Peasants from Congress, and so form their own United Front government.

This strategy is plain to see in the secret documents of the CPI which have been exposed by undercover workers from the Indian Democratic Research Service in Bombay.

Well Planned

These documents show that, although armed revolution is the ultimate aim of the CPI, united-front tactics are the interim stage of the Communist climb to power. Briefly, the object is to sabotage democracy on the political level and, at the same time, build support among the peasants for the revolution to come.

The Communist united-front tactics now being practised in India are far-seeing and well planned. This is how they are likely to operate after the Andhra election: if the Communists cannot form a government, first, they will cause their violent criticism of the Socialists.

Then they will offer to form a United Front Government with them and the Peasant Party. When it is refused they will wait for three months or so.

Then they will raise the issue of land reform, or any other question they like. They will say to the Socialists and Peasants that at least, on this issue, they are agreed with the Communists. They will appeal to the characteristic Hindu sentiment of fighting tooth and nail over one point, while forgetting the damage it may do in the long run.

But the Communists will not put the issue to the vote. They will use this tactic as a practice run, to see what support they can command. A few months later they will repeat the process and outvote the government.

Repeated several times, this will produce chronic disorder in the administration. The Communists will hope that an angry Nehru will slap down with President's rule once more. For that will be meat for Communist propaganda, which will at once scream at "colonial imperialism."

Whatever the result of this election, therefore, it will not be the end of democratic procedure at the ballot box. It will be the beginning of new Communist political drives in South India whose effect may severely weaken Nehru's power and hamper India's economic plans.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Stay Away From This Type Bidding

By OSWALD JACOBY

I DON'T recommend the bidding of the hand shown today. South was lucky to find any play at all for the small slam and should have been satisfied to stay at game.

It was quite right for South to think of a slam when North made a positive response to the opening two bid, but this wasn't the right time to use the Blackwood Convention. The trouble was that South didn't know whether to bid five or six even after he found out how many aces his partner had.

After North's raise to three hearts, South should have made a cue bid in one of the minor suits. North would go back to hearts, and South could then bid the other minor suit as a further slam try.

If North had the makings of a slam he would show a sign of life after South had made these two slam tries. With the actual hand North would bid a stolid five hearts, and South would abandon the idea of bidding a slam.

When the hand was actually played, West opened the king of diamonds against the contract of six hearts. South won with the ace of diamonds and immediately returned his low diamond toward dummy's jack.

West took the queen of diamonds, of course, and had to pick his next lead very carefully. It's easy to choose the right return when you can see all the cards, but it wasn't easy in actual play. Claggett Bowie, well-known Baltimore expert, worked out the right shift when he actually held the West cards.

"If this hand can be beaten," said Bowie to himself, "my partner must have one of the black aces, and it's up to me to lead that suit before declarer's singleton goes off on the jack of diamonds."

"South has only two diamonds and either six or seven hearts, hence at least four black cards. If South has a singleton club and three spades, he doesn't have anything close to a two bid. But if South has a singleton spade and three or four top clubs, he could have something close to his bid."

Having worked it out, Bowie led the king of spades and defeated the slam. If he had led any other suit, South would have discarded his spade on dummy's jack of diamonds and would thus have made the vulnerable slam.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: West North East South 1 Dmt. Double 2 Dmts. 7 You, South, hold: Spades 7-4, Hearts 7-5-2, Diamonds 6-3, Clubs A-J-5-4-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. The hand is not strong enough for a "free" response at the level of three. If there is any real future in this hand your partner will be able to take further action without hearing from you. If there is no future, you are better off passing.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-7-4, Hearts 7-5-2, Diamonds 6-3, Clubs A-J-5-4-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS

I WILL PAY MY ROOM RENT IN ADVANCE. I BELIEVE IN STARTING CENTS WITH CLEAN SHEET.



"Harry likes to go off by himself every once in a while."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THERE used to be a story of an aged student who was asked to write a paper during the 1912 campaign. When asked to describe him, the old man said: "He was very tall and thin, with red hair and red whiskers."

Round the town

JOHN WENSLEYDALE, manager of the town, or as much about town as is feasible nowadays, tried to warn his way into the room where the cocktail party was in progress. He wanted to find someone to introduce him to his hostess, whom he had never met. He greeted people here and there, and finally, he was introduced to a girl who said: "Hey! You have this! It's mine!" After a quarter of an hour the girl was gone, and the hostess decided to leave. His exit coincided with that of a lady, and they went down in the lift together. Pretty

ghostly, wasn't it?" said Garth. "Frightful," said the lady. "I couldn't even find my hostess," he said. "Oh, I was the hostess," said the lady. "But I simply couldn't stand it any longer. Let's go somewhere for a drink."

New-laid aircraft

A PHOTOGRAPH of the plane that all the fuss about "streamlining" and making planes look like "bullet-noses" is nearly over. The photograph might be of a heap of old clothes, tangled with a wash-pail, and a bit of scrap-iron. There is talk of abolishing wings, but the plane of the future, I read, will land with the perfectly-controlled ease of a bird. If it lays eggs which hatch out into aircraft, I for one shall go on my way with a wing. The cheap, cheap of a jet-propelled bomber ought to be worth hearing, as it waits for the mother-plane to feed it with petrol.

Growing up in the streets

THERE are probably some very old people, lost amid the London traffic, who can remember the day they set out to cross London. One old man who was accused of not paying his fare on a bus said to the conductor: "I'm the youngster who got on at Oxford Circus."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BORN today you are a composite of many varying characteristics and your native versatility makes you a different individual to your different people. You respond to external stimuli and often take on the habits of a mimic and under the influence of a popular opinion, you may appear to be a different person from the one you are. You are, by nature, gregarious and a never happier than when surrounded by people who have similar cultural tastes and intellectual interests. Actually, you are deeply interested in the welfare of

all mankind and would like nothing better than to be able to help all the who, are less fortunate than yourself. You may do this by your writing, for you have a vivid pen.

You women, especially, are fond of going out into society and are the types to make wonderful hostesses. Your home is very likely to be the centre of your life and you will be greatly interested in the welfare of

You have a definite gift for the written word, are excellent in character delineation, being enthusiastic and understanding a person's motivations at first meeting. You are, by nature, gregarious and a never happier than when surrounded by people who have similar cultural tastes and intellectual interests. Actually, you are deeply interested in the welfare of

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your experience should stay with you in your daily life, as well as some type of special education.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If in business difficulties, seek out someone who knows the right answer and get some advice.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may find it difficult to get on with the least possible trouble, just now.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Avoid any temptation toward extravagance in ill-advised.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If planning on taking a new job be sure that you know exactly what is to be demanded of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can avoid most errors by being careful and attentive to all detail connected with your work.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may find it necessary to guard against loss, today. The signs are set for you to use care.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Business matters may come up for reconsideration, so be alert and try to make a profit.

LINBA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Patience is a virtue that you may need to cultivate today if you are to win out over setbacks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Remember that you don't like to be tricked by others, so be careful of what you say, as well.

THE NEW WORD GAME

TARGET

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RTY

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square in the center of the board? You may use the letters in any order, but you must use each letter at least once. No plurals, no proper names, no foreign words. Today's Target: 10 words.

Saturday's solution: Centre, crane, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet. Today's solution: cruet, crane, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet, cruet.

WOMANSENSE

Petticoats Can Bring New Life To Your Spring Wardrobe

New York. WHILE high fashion has tried to sound the demise of petticoat fashions for the past few seasons, petticoat fever has not abated. It seems to be a fashion synonymous with youth and while there's life in petticoat designing, chances are it won't die.

The pretty petticoat that frequently makes you wish you didn't have to cover it up, comes in many styles from the slim hippled line suitable for a new long torso silhouette to the more bouffant line. More than a few are lovely enough to wear alone and are actually promoted in that fashion. (One in a felt like fabric has coloured leaf appliques!) Party dresses emphasise the fuller silhouette for late day and if you wish to add importance to yours—junior or not—there's just the right petticoat to go underneath. Depending on your mood, your dress and your figure you can wear one, two or three!

Nylon tricot remains a favourite way to keep the hip-line smooth in a number of petticoats with tiered flounced skirts beginning just below the hips. Crisp tulle in solid colours, or embroidered in delicate colours; sheer net and tulle are pleated in wide wonderful circular cuts and sometimes their tiers are fused together with lace insets; not so lovely with all-over flocking of tiny floral sprigs. Hemlines are touched with velvet ribbon or they have multi-coloured ruffles underneath in can-can tradition. A reversible petticoat with twelve smooth fitting gores for controlled fullness in floral embroidered taffeta is a modified and easy-to-wear

Slip line petticoats may be of soft tricot with lace panel insets or with deep doubled hemlines. A few very narrow



A pretty petticoat enhances the full skirted junior silhouette. Sketched here are three bouffant types. Top and bottom designs are by Odette Baras. While embroidered nylon shows off scalloped edges at tier seams and hem in the petticoat at top, bottom shows a circular nylon net with delicate floral flecked design; a tiny waist ruffle helps fill out dress gathers at the waistline; pink velvet edges the ruffle and bands the skirt above the hem. The centre design is by Gracette; crisp pleated nylon tulle is used for the two bottom tiers; there's an under layer of tulle at the hemline.

Pretty petticoats can bring new form to your spring fashions and a wonderful sense of luxury to your lingerie wardrobe.

How About An Exotic Pot Roast?

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

ALMOST every nation has a favourite way of pot-roasting beef.

Why not enjoy pot roast more often, without monotony, by cooking it in three ways?

Dinner

Tossed Green Salad
Pot Roast of Beef
Chili Tomato Sauce
Flaky Potatoes
Browned Parsnips
Spiced Peas
Whipped Topping
Coffee
Tea
Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Pot Roast of Beef Yankee Style: Brown 4-lb. pot roast of beef, round, chuck or brisket, all over in its own fat. Add 1/4 c. each sliced, peeled onion, carrot, and chopped parsley. Dust the meat with 2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. monosodium glutamate and 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Add 1 1/2 c. hot water or water drained from cooking vegetables. Cover and simmer 3 to 4 hrs., or until fork-tender. Or if desired, bake-simmer in a moderate oven, 325°-350° F.

Variety of Accompaniment

"This pot roast is excellent served with sliced fried cornmeal or hominy mush, whipped potatoes, either plain or well-seasoned with chopped butter-fried onions, or for a change, serve with balls of pearled barley or cracked wheat, shaped with an ice cream scoop, as you do, Chef."

"The flavour of pot roast can be varied in many ways, Madame. For example, a Spanish pot roast of beef: Make as Yankee pot roast, with these exceptions: Add 2 sections quartered peeled garlic, 1/2 tsp. oregano, 2 dried seeded sweet green peppers, and use tomato juice instead of water."

"This pot roast is very good served with flaky rice."

"And Chef, I like a Sweet-Sour Beef Pot Roast in Central European style."

Sweet-Sour Beef Pot Roast: Brown a 4-lb. pot roast of beef, from the round, chuck or brisket, all over in its own fat. Add 1 c. sliced onion and 1 section garlic, minced and peeled; then fry until yellowed.

Add 1 1/2 c. hot water, or liquid drained from cooking vegetables; 4 tbsp. vinegar, 2 tbsp. brown sugar, 5 tsp. tomato ketchup, 1/2 c. raisins, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. monosodium glutamate and 1/4 tsp. pepper.

Cook as for Yankee pot roast. This is especially good with potato dumplings.

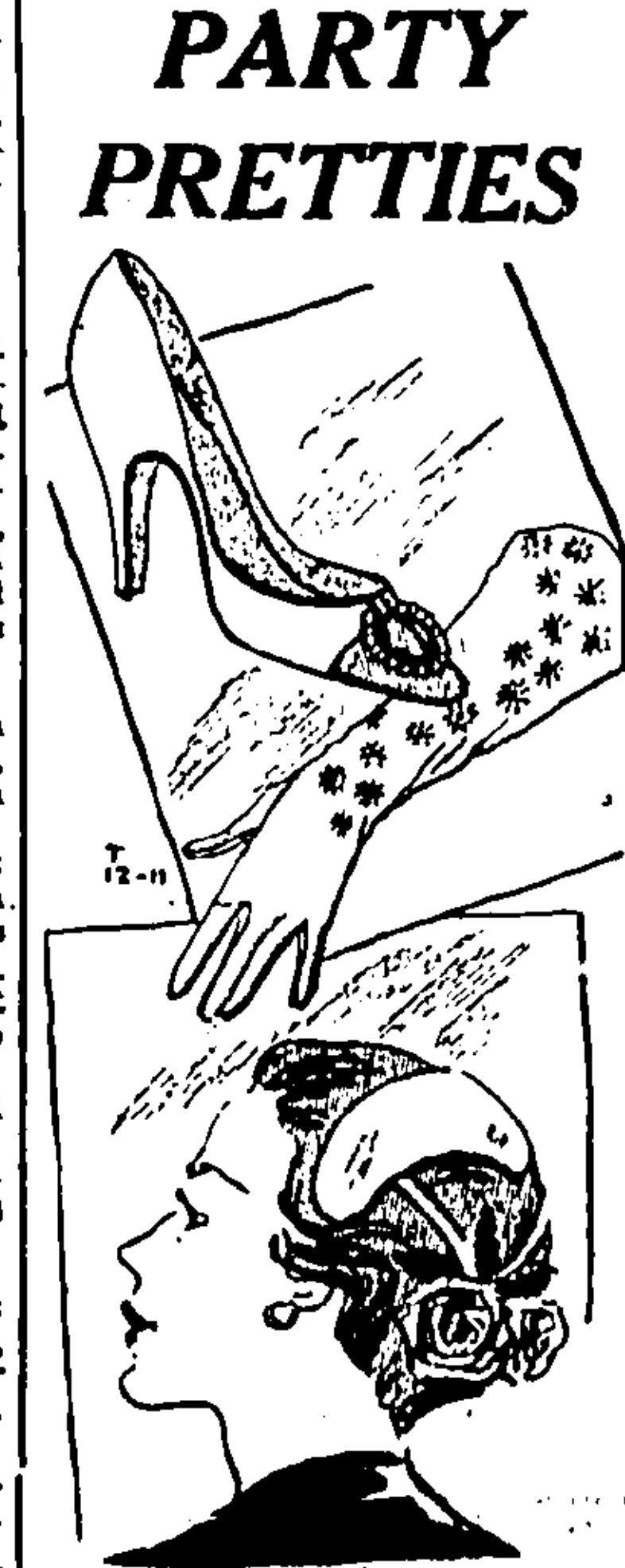
"In any case, Madame, a pot roast should have plenty of good gravy made from the liquid in the pot. Or, if there isn't enough liquid, my special chili tomato sauce is what you say, 'topp'."

Chili Tomato Sauce From The Chef

Melt 1 tsp. butter or margarine in a saucepan. Add 1 tsp. each minced onion and seeded green pepper, and cook until softened.

Blend in 1 1/2 tsp. flour. Stir in 1 c. meat stock (or 1 c. hot water and 1 bouillon cube), 1/4 c. tomato paste, 1 tsp. chili powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. black pepper. Simmer until slightly thickened.

PARTY PRETTIES



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

BEIGE suede is used for a late date pump made with a cutaway front and trimmed with a jewelled ring that makes use of the toes as a resting place. A cotton that looks for all the world like suede is used for a dressy glove all decked out with sparkling pearl and rhinestone embroidered motifs. A mere excuse for a hat is this pretty little bead band that settles itself at the back of the head. It is of pink felt and covered wires join it to two shaded pink roses with green leaves, set at the back of the head in chignon effect.

MIDWAY HEALTH CHECK-UP

PAST the age of childhood diseases and before the age of chronic ailments, the 35-year-olds have about reached the halfway point on the road of life. With the life expectancy of the average person close to 70, both men and women should not only take enormous stock of their future life but also a health inventory when they reach their middle years.

A person of 35 may think he is too busy to take stock of his health. People in this age group, except when ill, or women, when pregnant, rarely see their physician. They do not consider the most infirmities the could be developing within their bodies. The possibility of death seems unrealistic, but they should consider possible health hazards so that they may be met with intelligence.

After the age of 35, the leading cause of death is heart disease, with accidents a close second. However, as the years go by, cancer becomes the second most prevalent cause of death.

Many people are actually suffering from chronic diseases. They may be walking around with high blood pressure, asthma, a hernia or rupture, a bone or joint defect, haemorrhoids, a kidney disease, or some other ailment that needs treatment. Thirty-five is the age for all people to take stock of their personal health, and have that necessary medical examination. Regular medical care may add years to their lives.

H. N. BUNDSIN, M.D.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Odd Employment Agency

—Pixie O'Scowl Runs It for Dogs and Cats—

By MAX TRELL

IT SEEMED very odd. Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, saw two long lines of cats and dogs, standing in front of the doorway that led down into O'Cheer Hall where the Pixies lived.

Just inside the doorway, Pixie O'Scowl sat at a little table. He had a heap of cards in front of him. He was taking down the names of the cats and dogs.

A Filing System

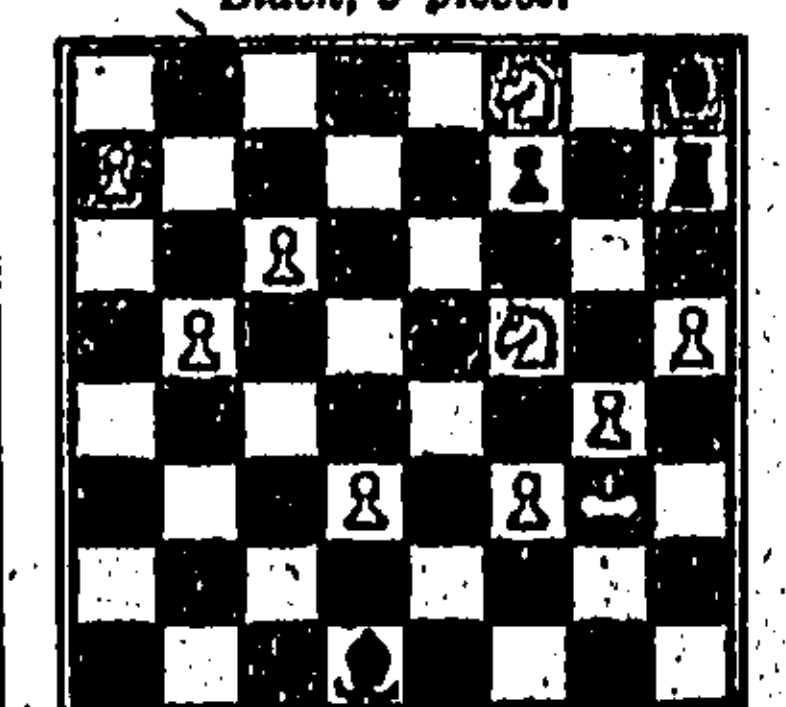
Some of the cats and dogs were old, some of them were hardly more than kittens and puppies. But none of them looked very happy.

On the contrary, it seemed to Knarf, they all looked rather sad.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. BUCHWALD.

Black, 5 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to Yesterday's problem:
1. P-R3 (mQ); any; 2. Q, B, on P (mQ) mates.

hear it. Just a moment, please. Hold on."

A Home For A Cat

Pixie O'Scowl now covered the mouthpiece of the telephone.

"A dog who lives on Butter-milk Street is on the telephone," he said to the cats and dogs in front of him. "He tells me that Mr. Beams who owns the grocery store in the middle of the block wishes he had a cat to chase the mice out of his cellar."

"Are you homeless, too?" a grey kitten, asked Knarf.

At this moment, Pixie O'Scowl called out loudly: "Quiet, please. My telephone is ringing."

All the cats and dogs immediately fell silent.

Knarf took this opportunity to tiptoe up to the head of the line. He stopped at the side of Pixie O'Scowl's table.

Pixie O'Scowl was holding one ear as he spoke to someone over the telephone.

"Why, that's wonderful," he was saying. "I'm very glad to



The long-eared spaniel tells Knarf he wants a home.

Matilda Catnip over to Mr. Beams' grocery store on Butter-milk Street right away. Thank you very much for calling, Mr. Wagtail. Goodbye!"

All of Matilda Catnip's friends, both cats and dogs, both puppies and kittens, wished her well in her new home.

"I certainly would," replied Matilda.

"Would you like to live in Mr. Beams' grocery store and keep the mice out of his cellar?"

"I certainly would," replied Matilda.

More Calls From Friends

Shortly thereafter, Pixie O'Scowl received telephone calls and airmail letters from various other friends of his (for instance, from Trilby the Canary and Greenbutt the Parrot) about people they knew of who wanted cats and dogs.

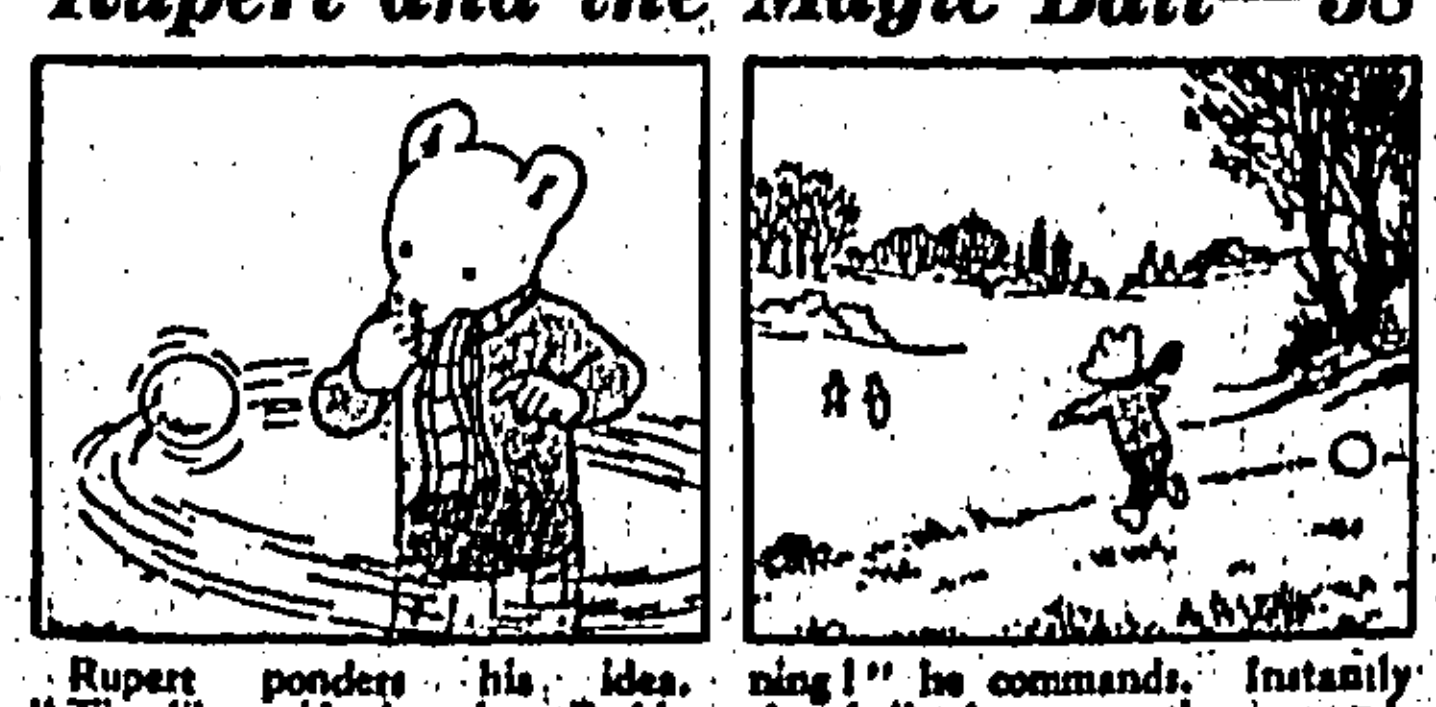
"The rest of you will have to wait until tomorrow," Pixie O'Scowl said. "But don't worry, any of you, well find homes for you before the cold weather sets in."

"I never knew you did such nice things for cats and dogs," Knarf said to Pixie O'Scowl later.

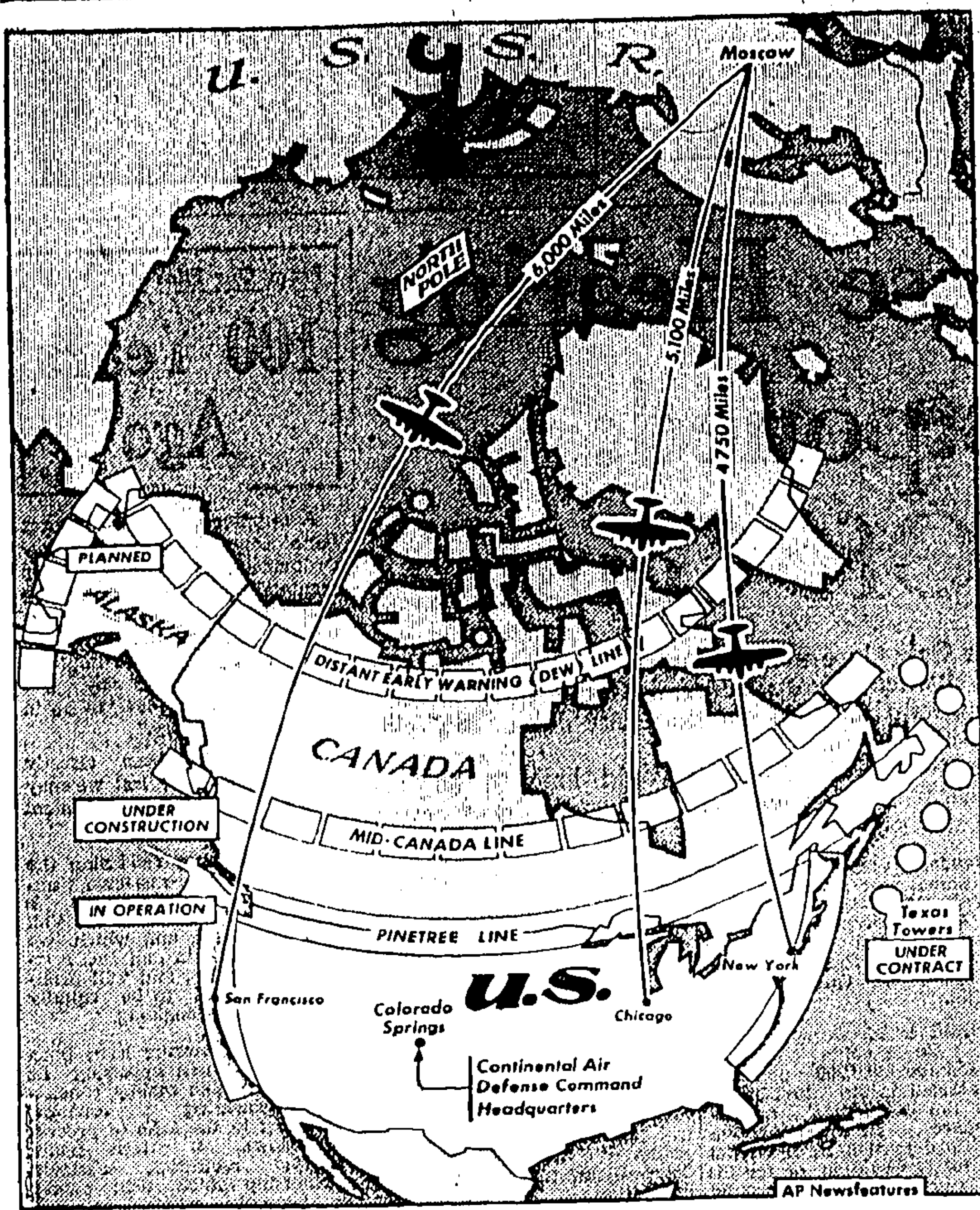
"I don't do nice things for anybody," grumbled Pixie O'Scowl.

Knarf knew he wasn't telling the truth. He just didn't want to admit it.

Rupert and the Magic Ball—38



Rupert ponders his idea. "Tigerly said that her Daddy had put magic into this ball to make it obedient," he mutters. "I believe he has made a mistake and put in a magic that makes it do what one doesn't want it to do. So I'll try it." "Go on, go on, all alongs assured."



American Air Defence Plans Changing From Theory To Fact

By BEM PRICE

Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

The safety of the United States from sudden attack depends on an invisible, electronic fence 12 miles high.

Upon the alertness of men in over 100 radar stations from Greenland to San Diego and Alaska to Florida rest the lives of millions of Americans.

As yet the fence has many holes, but slowly—too slowly, say some—the gaps are being mended. It will never be whole. It will never offer a firm guarantee that no enemy will sneak by undetected, but it will be the best scientific device in this day of supersonic speeds.

It has been more than six years since Congress first approved the plan to stretch a radar screen across the northern border of the United States to protect this country's industrial centres from possible bombing attack by planes sweeping across the polar wastes from Russia.

That first approval didn't mean much, for while Congress voted in favour of the project it did not set aside any money for construction.

The first Russian atomic bomb explosion in 1949 alerted that oversight, and the Air Force received hasty authorization to divert \$5 million dollars from other programmes to get started on a warning system. The air defence picture has been getting brighter ever since, and has taken some giant strides in recent months.

As the accompanying map shows, there now is in operation a radar fence following the U.S.-Canadian border from the Atlantic to the Pacific and bolts extending southward down each coast.

A central Continental Air Defence Command has been set up at Colorado Springs, Colo., where information from the radar outposts arrives by teletype and is plotted on a huge plexiglass map of the continent 22 feet wide and 30 feet long.

Command Post

This command post is an all-service operation. Its chief, Air Force Gen. Benjamin Chidlaw, is directly responsible to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The centre is manned 24 hours a day and ceaselessly goes about its task of checking the nature of every aircraft entering its tremendous area of jurisdiction. Any unidentified plane is promptly investigated by 14 fighters, scrambling from fields scattered around the nation. At Chidlaw's command are 1,200 jet interceptors in the over-500 m.p.h. class.

Boasting the interceptors are ground defences—several hundred radar-controlled anti-aircraft guns and a growing number of supersonic "Nike" missile stations which can search out and destroy high-flying enemy bombers.

The United States thus now has at least the bare essentials of air defence—a protective ring of radar eyes around its borders and a command structure with the tools of protection at its disposal.

But the maximum range of a ground radar station is about 200 miles. Therefore the heavy industrial regions along the Great Lakes could expect a maximum warning time of 15 minutes from the "Pinetree" radar chain if Soviet bombers came streaking down from the polar wastes.

Obviously this is not enough time to properly deploy interceptors. To remedy this, a second radar fence—the "mid-Canada" line—is now rising some 500 miles north of Chicago. When completed the "mid-Canada" line will give Gen. Chidlaw an hour and a half to prepare his defence strategy.

Third Line

To boost the crucial time of preparation still further, a go-ahead was given last year to a third line which will run along the edge of the Arctic Circle. Called the "DEW" line (for distant early warning), these radar stations—some of them automatic and unmanned—will give the United States a three-hour alert. Seven experimental stations on the "DEW" line now are in operation.

Radar, however, is not infallible. Low flying aeroplanes often escape detection and it is not improbable that a bomber could sneak over the North Pole, dodging the mountains and ice caps, and come in low over the Atlantic. Unless it happened to be spotted by a ship, it could be almost on top of a coast city like New York before it showed up on radar screens.

For this reason the United States is planning to extend its radar eyes out over the sea from Newfoundland to Norfolk with "Texas towers," man-made islands which can be anchored to the continental shelf. They're called "Texas towers" because of their similarity to the oil drilling platforms of the Gulf Coast. The contracts for these towers already have been let.

In areas such as those off the West Coast—where water depth is too great to support permanent towers, radar picket ships will be used. Early last month the Navy equipped a former destroyer escort for this

assignment and has plans to convert Liberty ships to the same purpose.

Exact figures on what the United States is spending on air defence are not available, but there is no question the trend is upward. The country's present capital investment in air defence has been estimated at \$3 to \$3½ billion dollars.

According to some reports, the armed forces now are spending more than that in a single year to make sure this country has as much protection as modern science can provide.

W. GERMANY PREFERS NATURAL RUBBER

Singapore, Feb. 6.

West Germany will buy more Malaysian rubber because manufacturers there prefer it to the synthetic product, said Herr H. T. Ritscher, a representative of the largest German rubber manufacturers, Continental Gummi-Werke A.G.

Herr Ritscher, on an extensive tour of Eastern countries, said the reason German manufacturers preferred natural rubber was because the machinery required to turn out products made from natural rubber was considerably cheaper than those required for the manufacture of articles from synthetic rubber.

The German industrial expert said however that for such articles as hoses for use in connection with oil and petrol, synthetic was better than natural rubber.

Herr Ritscher said his company imported natural rubber from Malaysia, Ceylon and Indonesia.

Last year, he added, West Germany imported 74,700 tons of rubber from Malaysia and was this country's fourth best customer. He said his company manufactured 30,000 different articles made of rubber including motor car tyres, tubes and accessories.

Herr Ritscher said his company also manufactured German and motor tubes. —United Press.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET WEEKLY REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Feb. 6.

Cotton futures trading last week became more of a two-sided affair. Nearby deliveries settled back under liquidation, the new crop months stood on firmer ground as prospects brightened for a higher Government loan rate this year.

At Friday's close the list ruled off 13 to 14 points, or 65 cents a bale lower to 40 cents a bale higher than the preceding week.

Fears of a serious flare-up in the Far East over the Formosa situation, and traders' belief that chances are lessening for any material increase in the acreage allotments, were additional background factors in the new crop months.

March liquidation proceeded at an orderly pace, coincident with a steady rise in the certified stock. First notice day for March will be Feb. 21. As the week ended the open position in March was estimated around 570,000 bales.

Cotton available for contract delivery rose to 65,780 bales, a new high, and an aggregate increase of almost 15,000 bales since the New Year. Spot interest was believed to be transferring hedge positions against sales of the new crop months.

The spot March delivery on Monday sold up to 34.70 cents a pound, its highest level since last Dec. 30, whereupon hedge selling and liquidation increased.

Lagging tendency of the near-months was coupled with the slow rate of producer impounding under the Government loan programme and the consequent lessening of prospects for a tight "free" supply situation before the next harvest is available. The net stock of 1954 crop cotton in Government hands at last reports was 109,054 bales, plus 4,999,829 bales from 1953. —United Press.

Indian Rail Traffic Increasing

New Delhi, Feb. 6.

Passenger traffic on the Indian railways was now showing an upward trend as compared to the downward trend since 1951-52, according to the Chairman of the Indian Railway Board, Mr. G. Pandey.

The Indian railways are the biggest nationalised undertaking in the country. Passenger earnings from April 1 to November 30, 1954, recorded an increase of 10 million rupees (about 2,100,000 sterling) over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The goods earnings showed an increase of 30 million rupees (2,200,000 sterling) compared to the previous period. The increased earnings and better traffic position are attributed to the improved economic activity in the country. —United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

PREMIERS ENCOURAGED

But The Chancellor Warns Of Possible Inflation

From Ronald Boxall

London, Feb. 6.

Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer gave the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London last week a most encouraging report on the sterling area's economic progress. But the point has now been reached, he warned, where healthy expansion can easily be turned into inflation.

The chief danger in the present situation is that sterling countries might be tempted to spend beyond their means. The expansion of economic activity in the area generally has created demand for more raw materials, but also for bettering the workers' lot and for more consumer goods. To some extent this is, of course, inevitable and even desirable; but if imports are allowed to expand unchecked consequent inflation might set our recovery back several years.

There are any doubts left about where the danger lies two recent developments should dispel them. The first is the absence of any measurable improvement in sterling despite the higher bank rate in Britain. The second is the comparatively poor outcome of January's gold and dollar transactions. An exact balance with the world outside Western Europe was a better result than had been expected, but as January is normally one of the best months of the year for dollar earnings of sterling, it was by no means reassuring.

INITIAL CAUSE

The initial cause of the fall in the value of the pound was the disappointment at the delay of convertibility. But what appears to be keeping the official rate at its present low level is the marked weakness of transferable sterling which has fallen from \$2.70 six months ago to around \$2.72.

The greatest source of danger when transferable sterling is at

its present wide discount on the official rate is the loss of dollar business by sterling countries caused by "hoarding" operations in these conditions it is profitable for a Continental firm to use its "cheap" pounds to buy tin or diamonds (or in fact anything that is expensive in relation to outcome of January's gold and dollar transactions. An exact balance with the world outside Western Europe was a better result than had been expected, but as January is normally one of the best months of the year for dollar earnings of sterling, it was by no means reassuring.

OUTSID STERLING AREA

These deals have been having a serious effect on the sterling area. By using "cheap" pounds Continental dealers are able to outbid sterling area suppliers and acquire dollars that rightfully belong in the area's central reserve. At this point the vicious circle begins. For the loss of dollars is reflected in the monthly gold figures and if these are lower than the holders of sterling consider they should be confident in the pound begins to wane and its value against the dollar is further weakened.

This sort of thing would be impossible, of course, if sterling were convertible. For then there would be only one exchange rate and Continental dealers would no longer be able to undercut sterling countries in the dollar market with their own commodities.

But if sterling were declared officially convertible, in the present circumstances, we would simply be closing one leak in the reserves at the risk of opening another and much larger one.

To a certain extent, of course, sterling is already convertible over a wide area of the world. Holders of pounds anywhere outside the sterling area may exchange them into dollars, the only difference between this and the officially convertible being that non-American holders must sell them at the transferable rate instead of the official rate.

GREATER FREEDOM

But though this greater freedom has led to much wider use of transferable sterling in international commerce it has not prevented it from falling in value over the past few months. This is thought to be because market needs are being fully supplied by sterling countries—spending more than they should on imports.

Mr Butler had other things in mind as well, of course, when he said that conditions were not yet right for convertibility. The main stress is still on the adoption of a more liberal trade policy by America and the availability of adequate reserves, but the need for sound internal policies in sterling countries has now moved up in relative importance.

It was not surprising to learn, therefore, that the Commonwealth Prime Ministers had little to say in their communique about convertibility beyond the fact that it remained the goal of the sterling area policy. Unless Mr Butler's warning is heeded and sterling countries take firm measures to prevent an inflationary rise of imports it may be a long time before it comes to be policy and becomes reality.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 6.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 27, reads as follows:

There are sufficient reasons for the market's advance but the sharpness of the week's gains is evidence of an acute shortage of stock. A quite moderate demand in these conditions has a somewhat exaggerated effect on prices. The industrial market's higher price movements have been

Persian Exchange Rates

Tehran, Feb. 6.
Bank officials here today announced that the rate of exchange for sterling, following the Persian Government's decision to revalue the currency would be:
Bank buying rate — 210 rials; bank selling rate (commercial rate) — 222.6 rials; official rate — 89.4 rials (unchanged). — Reuter.

Greater Egg Output In China

London, Feb. 6.
Communist China claims she has increased her egg production for foreign and domestic markets despite her disastrous summer floods.

This was reported by the Tientsin Ta Kung Pao, one of the country's official Communist newspapers.

Total daily egg purchase in the three provinces of Kiangsu, Anhwei and Chekiang, China's chief egg producing centres, had been increasing steadily as a result of measures taken to increase productivity, the newspaper stated.

British businessmen who recently visited Peking were reported here to have negotiated egg purchases from China for the United Kingdom market. — China Mail Special.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 6.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Jan. 27, reads as follows:

France
Total gold holding 201,281,591,423
Total other currency 11,429,468,393
Reserve to currency 155,300,000,000
Bank notes in circulation 2,472,640,759,333
Current accounts and deposits 129,791,250,479
Total bills discounted 1,110,160,562,091
Sight balance abroad 60,312,100,404
in EPU — United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to 1,175,956. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS
HSK Bank 2120 20 @ 2120
10 @ 2120
32 @ 2120

INSURANCES
Union 145 80
Lombard 10.30 1000 @ 10.30
Underwriters 200 @ 170

DOCKS, ETC.
Dock 25
Provident (O) 15.40 1700 @ 15.10
Wharfedale 7.10 1500 @ 7.25

LAND, ETC.
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